

FY 2017
SMALL NEPA PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

Please **do not leave any field BLANK**, unless it does not apply.
Submit form (Word doc) electronically to jjchynoweth@fs.fed.us by **February 6, 2018**.

(NOTE: Italicized / red comments are for reference only. You may delete them when completing form.)

Project Name	Marilyn Division Fence
District name (or "Forestwide")	Salmon River
County where project located?	Idaho
FS Personnel Name, Phone Number and Email <i>If a partnership, please add name, phone and email; however, an FS employee MUST be the project proponent and point of contact.</i>	Crystal Dannar 208-839-2128 cdannar@fs.fed.us
Legal Location <i>Township(s), Range(s), and Section(s) of project.</i>	Pts N2 Section 25, T24N, R01W, B.M.
District Ranger / Line Officer's Name <i>Person(s) responsible for signing the decision document</i>	Jeffrey Shinn
Is the project associated with meeting a Forest target?	No
Which CE Category does this project fit? <i>Provide citation: 36CFR 220.6(d)(x) or 36 CFR 220.6(e)(x); See below regarding 220.6(d)(x) projects.</i>	36 CFR 220.6(e)(9) <i><u>(9) Implementation or modification of minor management practices to improve allotment condition or animal distribution when an allotment management plan is not yet in place. Examples include but are not limited to:</u></i> <i>(i) Rebuilding a fence to improve animal distribution;</i> <i>(ii) Adding a stock watering facility to an existing water line; and</i> <i>(iii) Spot seeding native species of grass or applying lime to maintain forage condition.</i>

A Project Record or written Decision are **not required** for projects that fit 36 CFR 220.6 (d)(x) categories.

Does the Decision Maker still want the project to go through the Small NEPA process*? Y___ N___

If no, this form does not need to be submitted to the Small NEPA planner.

If yes, fill out the remainder of the form and have Decision Maker submit it to Small NEPA planner.

* ALL 36 CFR 220.6(e) projects will go through the Small NEPA process.

At what level does the Decision Maker want the project scoped?

Internal x External___

Internal scoping will be through the Small NEPA IDT, unless otherwise specified. Scoping would be documented in the Extraordinary Circumstances Checklist.

External scoping will be with the public via a scoping letter, a legal notice, the scoping letter posted on the NPCWNF website, and postcards with a link to the website/scoping letter. The scoping letter/postcards will be mailed to the full NEPA mailing list unless otherwise specified.

What Level of Analysis (below) does the Decision Maker want for the Project?

 x **Low level:** If the project's level of public scrutiny is projected to be relatively low or unknown, the line officer chooses who we would contact for scoping (limited). In this case specialists would only do the checklist for each project. Documentation for low level analysis projects would be a completed checklist filled out by the specialists, including the name of the specialist who performed the analysis, the project name, and date it was completed. No other written documentation would be generated.

_____ **Moderate level:** If the project's level of public scrutiny is projected to be relatively moderate to high, then the line officer chooses who we would contact for scoping (a little broader). In this case, specialists would complete the checklist with the only write up being for items that are present and the rationale for the effects call. No write up would be given for items in the checklist that are not present. If the determination is no effect (which generally speaking, most CE's should have zero to very little adverse effects), then document why that determination was made in one paragraph or less. If the determination is an adverse effect, then why that determination was made would be written in less three paragraphs.

List the Management Area(s) in which your project is located.

20D - Old Growth (.55 miles)

16D – Elk Winter Range (.04 Miles)

D - 80% Fishery Habitat Potential Maintained.

What are the desired conditions for the Management Area(s) relevant to your project?

WILDLIFE AND FISH

1. Manage livestock grazing to be consistent with elk summer habitat and winter range objectives.

RANGE

1. Manage existing allotments. Emphasize intensive grazing systems. Maintain range condition at or above the fair level.
2. Emphasize investments in structural and nonstructural range improvements to maintain range condition.

Desired conditions are described in Chapters 2 & 3 of the Nez Perce and Clearwater Forest Plans. List those that apply.

Is the project in a Roadless Area? Yes* No **X**

If yes, which one?

** If yes, answer the questions in the 'Project in Roadless Area' table below, **AND** complete a Briefing Paper - note map requirements. Provide the completed Briefing Paper to Environmental Coordinator and Brian Riggers prior to scoping.*

Is the project in a congressionally designated area, ex. Wilderness, Wild & Scenic River Corridor, Research Natural Area, Historic Trail, etc.? Yes* No **X**

If yes, which one(s)?

** If yes, contact Carol Hennessey, cahennessey@fs.fed.us, 935-4270, BEFORE submitting this proposal, to discuss how the project may affect the designated area.*

Does the project involve road construction, reconstruction, temporary roads, or haul routes?

Yes* No **X**

** If yes, answer the questions in the 'Project Involving Road Construction, Reconstruction, Temporary Roads, or Haul Routes' table below.*

Are there Floodplains or Wetlands in the project area? Yes No **X**

Are Municipal Watersheds located in the project area? Yes No **X**

If yes, which one?

Is the project located in an RHCA? Yes No **X**

Is the project in the Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area? Yes No **X**

Describe the existing condition of the project area.

The project area is known as the Papoose On/Off pasture within the Papoose Allotment.

Old fence remnants (T-posts, wire) parallel much of the proposed fence. Proposed fenceline follows the ridge from the private gate in Section 26 at the forest boundary, up to the first peak. This ridgeline is accessible by ATV.

The project area is grazed spring and fall annually as shown in the table.

Allotment	Permittee	Permitted Cow/Calf Pairs (cc)	Permitted Season	Permit Type
Papoose On/Off	Shingle Creek LLC c/o Bryan DeVeney	19	4/12 – 5/31 11/1 – 12/5	Temporary, Term Status Pending

What is the Purpose and Need for the proposed action*?

Terms and Conditions of all grazing permits require that the permittee keep livestock on the specified allotment. This fence would prevent drift from Papoose Allotment livestock into the On/Off permit during the summer, when Papoose On/Off should be rested. This has been reported as a regular occurrence by Mr. DeVeney. This will also prevent the On/Off livestock from trespassing onto the Papoose Allotment.

** The purpose and need describes: Why the action is being proposed at this location and at this time (what is the problem; the need) and the desired objectives/outcomes (the purpose) of the action.*

Describe the Proposed Action.

What is provided will be used in the Scoping Letter, by the resource specialists for their effects analyses, and in the Decision document so be thorough, detailed, and descriptive. Please include all project-related activities that may have an impact on the environment.

Please describe, in narrative paragraphs, the following:

- who will do the work,
- where will the work take place,
- how will the project site be accessed,
- what specific activities will be conducted (provide details),
- what equipment will be used to accomplish the above actions,
- what monitoring/additional actions will be done post-implementation,
- when the work will start,
- how long it will take to complete the project

Will the project change access restrictions? If so, how? No

Will any permits, etc. be needed before the project can start? If so, what and from who?

Grazing permit will be modified by Range Specialist to assign maintenance of this drift fence to permittee.

Personnel/Materials: The materials will be provided by the USFS, and are currently in stock. The labor and equipment will be provided by permittee.

Location/Access: The site is accessible from the 517 road, along an unnamed road a few hundred yards to a private locked gate. Once admitted through the gate, the site is accessible by ATV.

Equipment/Disturbance: ATV access to move fencing materials is anticipated. Disturbance will be limited to driving of T posts and corner posts by hand. Corner posts may be set at least 2-3' deep, but given rocky terrain a rock jack that does not disturb the soil is more likely.

Construction: Will be an approximately 0.6 mile fence of either standard 3-strand barbed wire, and barless 4th bottom wire, or 12.5 gauge hot-wire built to specs that would allow Elk to easily jump it. Wood posts may require rock jacks where they, or steel, cannot be driven into rocky soils. Wire gates will be placed as necessary to move livestock.

Monitoring: Range improvement maintenance monitoring will be conducted post-implementation to ensure fences are kept in working order.

Schedule: Upon approval, work may start Fall 2018.

List the Design Criteria and Mitigation Measures to be included in the Decision Memo.

Item #	Project Design & Mitigation Measures	Implementation Method	Effectiveness
1	Remove all mud, dirt, and plant parts from all off road equipment before moving into project area. Cleaning must occur off National Forest lands. (This does not apply to service vehicles that will stay on the roadway, traveling frequently in and out of the project area.)	Applicable to all activities and personnel	High, based on inventories
2	Identify and report invasive species infestations, on or adjacent to the activity sites, to the District Weed Coordinator.	Applicable to all activities and personnel	High, based on inventories

Additional Design Criteria/Measures can be listed under "Additional Information" on the last page of this form

List the Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be included in the Decision Memo.

Please don't provide just reference numbers.

5. Range.

a. Required Objectives and Associated Practices.

(2) Minimize ground disturbance and bare soil.

(b) Check areas of concentrated livestock use for weed establishment and treat new infestations.

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At a minimum, consider appropriate BMPs for water quality standards and weed management.

Additional BMPs can be listed under "Additional Information" on the last page of this form.

Provide a list of the individuals, groups, agencies, etc. * who will be included for Scoping (external scoping only), including their mailing address and/or email address.

DO NOT provide just a name (also see below).

NA

** The Nez Perce and Coeur d'Alene Tribes will automatically be scoped. The following will also be included on all SN scoping/ mailing lists: FOC, ICL, Thomas E. Peterson and Bill Mulligan.*

Please attach to your project submission email, separate from this form, a GIS-generated map or maps of the project area (pdf format only) per the instructions outlined below. Please make sure that the layers can be turned on/off on your PDF map(s).

The Map(s) need fit on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper.

At least one map, with (preferably) a “portrait” orientation, showing the project location/activities as points, e.g. culvert, mineral exploration site, etc.; lines, e.g. fence, road, creek, etc.; and/or the project boundary as a polygon, e.g. stand, treatment area, etc. Do not use a point when treating an area, use a polygon.

The map(s) needs to include identifying features, such as towns, roads, trails, rivers/streams, geophysical landmarks, etc. to identify where the project is on the landscape.

Please use the Forest Visitor Map as your map’s base layer (see below*). This will standardize the appearance of the maps for scoping. Please do not add contour lines to the map unless needed. Contour lines make the map difficult to read. A topo map may be used as a substitute for the FV Map, as long as there are sufficient identifying features on the base layer that can be used to identify the project’s location. If contour lines are not important to defining the location they should be turned off.

The preferred (not required) scale is 1:24000. If the project area can’t be adequately shown at 1:24K, use a larger scale (> 1:24K) showing the entire project area and if needed, provide additional maps showing details of the project activities. **Please make as few maps as possible.** Conversely, if the 1:24K scale is too large (i.e. the project / action area is a tiny point or a thin line hard to find on a large landscape), use a smaller scale (< 1:24K) to provide more detail while ensuring that the project area’s/activities’ location is identifiable.

All maps should include, at a minimum, a **Title** (include only the district and the project name); a **Legend** with the project feature(s) clearly labeled, e.g. culvert replacement, fence line, x treatment area, etc.; a **Scale** in miles (not km) using full miles, such as 0_0.25_0.5_1.0 miles (ending with 0.5 miles okay); and a **North Arrow**. Please use a black outlined box with a white background (not gray) to display them.

The map(s) are used in the scoping letter (and DM) to show, as clearly and efficiently as possible, what activity or activities are being proposed and where the activity or activities are located on the Forest.

** The Small NEPA geodatabase contains feature classes, including the Forest Visitor Map that can be used for map creation. The geodatabase is found at:*

T:\FS\NFS\NezPerceClearwater\Project\MultiBasin\Planning\Small_NEPA_Cat_Ex\GIS\SmallNEPA.gdb

If you need help with accessing and/or working with the geodatabase in GIS, contact your Zone GIS Specialist (first) or you can contact Jim Lutes at jamesrlutes@fs.fed.us; 963-4202.

SHAPEFILES

The resource specialists **require the shapefile(s) of the project’s proposed activities** before they will begin their analyses. The Project Proponent needs to send the shapefile(s)* to the Small NEPA Planner (jjchynoweth@fs.fed.us) by the time the District Ranger submits this form.

*The shapefile(s) need to be labeled with the Project Name and Feature.

* The shapefile(s) should include the following extensions – .dbf, .prj, .sbn, .shp, .shx, and .xml.

*A location where the shapefile(s) can be found (ex., T drive) does not meet this obligation.

***The shapefile(s) do not substitute** for providing a map.

Small NEPA IDT/resource specialists are listed below. Contact them if you have any questions regarding their resource and your project.

Botany – Mike Hays, mhays01@fs.fed.us; 983-4028
 Fisheries – Derrick Bawdon, dbawdon@fs.fed.us; 963-4211
 Heritage – Steve Lucas, slucas@fs.fed.us; 983-4040
 Hydrology – Cynthia Valle, cvalle@fs.fed.us; 963-4203
 Minerals – Marty Jones, martinjones@fs.fed.us; 983-5158
 Recreation – Carol Hennessey, cahennessey@fs.fed.us; 935-4270
 Soils – Robert Bergstrom, robertbergstrom@fs.fed.us; 963-4287
 Wildlife – Jim Lutes, jameslutes@fs.fed.us; 963-4202

Projects in Roadless Area

<p>What is the Roadless Area name?</p> <p><i>O:\NFS\NezPerceClearwater\Project\MultiBasin\Planning\ Small_NEPA_Cat_Ex\Reference Material\Roadless Rule Info</i></p>	<p><u>Idaho Roadless Area (IRA) Name:</u></p> <p><u>Forest Plan IRA Name (if different):</u></p>
<p>Identify the Idaho Roadless Management classification (permitted activities vary by classification).</p> <p><i>Classifications include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wild Land Recreation</i> • <i>Special Areas of Historic or Tribal Significance</i> • <i>Primitive</i> • <i>Backcountry Restoration</i> • <i>General Forest, Rangeland and Grassland</i> 	<p>Classification:</p>
<p>Does the project involve constructing or reconstructing roads? Yes* No</p> <p><i>* If yes, see http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title36-vol2 then navigate to Subpart C 294.23</i></p>	
<p>Does the project involve cutting trees? Yes* No</p> <p><i>* If yes, see http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title36-vol2 then navigate to Subpart C 294.24</i></p>	
<p>Does the project involve removing minerals, including common variety minerals? Yes* No</p> <p><i>* If yes, see http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title36-vol2 then navigate to Subpart C 294.25</i></p>	

Projects Involving Road Construction, Reconstruction, Temporary Roads, and/or Haul Routes

Note: Specialists will address items 9-11 (*in italics*) below.

ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS	YES / NO	MITIGATION MEASURE/COMMENTS
1. Will road construction or reconstruction be required? Type of road and length.		
2. Will temporary roads be needed?		
3. Will road maintenance be needed? Who will perform?		
4. Will there be a change to the current road restrictions?		
5. Are haul roads part of an established snowmobile network?		
6. Are there public safety concerns for roads, trails, or other road improvements?		
7. Are there other improvements which will require protection?		
8. Does the area currently meet Forest Plan standards for soils?		
9. <i>Will the project impact elk security?</i>		
10. <i>Will the project or log haul impact winter range?</i>		
11. <i>Will the project impact critical elk summer range?</i>		

JC : 04/13/2018

Additional Information: